

Benefits of a School Counseling Model

Benefits for Students

- ◆ Serves all students through school guidance curriculum.
- ◆ Monitors data to facilitate student improvement.
- ◆ Provides strategies for closing the achievement gap.
- ◆ Promotes a rigorous graduation plan for every student.
- ◆ Advocates for equitable access to educational opportunities.
- ◆ Supports skill development to increase student success.

Benefits for Parents or Guardians

- ◆ Provides advocacy support for their children's academic and professional-technical, life and career, and personal and social development.
- ◆ Supports partnerships in their children's learning, educational, and career planning.
- ◆ Facilitates access to school and community resources.
- ◆ Provides training and informational workshops.
- ◆ Connects to community- and school-based services.
- ◆ Provides data for information on student progress.
- ◆ Serves all students through school guidance curriculum.
- ◆ Recognizes that students have different needs.

Benefits for Teachers

- ◆ Promotes an interdisciplinary team approach to address student needs and educational goals.
- ◆ Increases collaboration between professional school counselors and teachers.
- ◆ Supports development of classroom-management skills.
- ◆ Provides a system for co-facilitation of classroom guidance curriculum.
- ◆ Supports the learning environment.
- ◆ Promotes teaming to increase student achievement.
- ◆ Analyzes data to improve school climate and student achievement.

Benefits for Administrators

- ◆ Aligns the school counseling program with the school's mission.
- ◆ Provides a school counseling program promoting student success.
- ◆ Monitors data for school improvement.
- ◆ Provides a system for managing a school counseling program.
- ◆ Articulates a process for evaluating a school counseling program.
- ◆ Uses data to jointly develop school counseling goals and professional school counselor responsibilities.
- ◆ Provides useful data for grant applications and funding sources.

- ◆ Provides a school counseling curriculum addressing the students' needs and enhancing school climate.

Benefits for the Boards and Departments of Education

- ◆ Provides a rationale for implementing a school counseling program.
- ◆ Facilitates equity and access to a quality school counseling program for every student.
- ◆ Demonstrates the need for funding.
- ◆ Articulates appropriate certification and national staffing ratios.
- ◆ Informs the community about school counseling program success.
- ◆ Supports standards-based programs.
- ◆ Provides data about improved student achievement.

Benefits for School Counselors

- ◆ Defines responsibilities within the context of a school counseling program.
- ◆ Integrates professional school counselors into the educational process for improving student achievement.
- ◆ Eliminates non-school-counseling program activities.
- ◆ Supports access to every student.
- ◆ Provides a tool for program development, coordination, implementation, management, and accountability.
- ◆ Recognizes school counselors as leaders and advocates.
- ◆ Ensures the school counseling program's contribution to the school's mission.

Benefits for Counselor Educators

- ◆ Builds collaboration between professional school counselor education programs and schools.
- ◆ Provides a framework for teaching a school counseling program model.
- ◆ Provides a model for site-based school counseling fieldwork or internships.
- ◆ Increases data collection for collaborative research on school counseling programs.
- ◆ Establishes a framework for professional development to benefit practicing professional school counselors.
- ◆ Promotes alliances with other educator training programs.

Benefits for Postsecondary Education

- ◆ Enhances transition of students to postsecondary institutions.
- ◆ Prepares every student for advanced educational and career opportunities.
- ◆ Motivates every student to seek a wide range of postsecondary options.

- ◆ Encourages and supports rigorous academic and professional-technical preparation.
- ◆ Promotes equity and access to postsecondary education for every student.

Benefits for Student Services

Personnel

- ◆ Defines the school counseling program.
- ◆ Maximizes collaborative teaming to support individual student success.
- ◆ Uses school counseling program data to maximize benefits to individual student growth.
- ◆ Increases collaboration for utilizing school and community resources.

Benefits for Community: Business, Labor and Industry

- ◆ Increases opportunities for business, industry and labor to actively participate in the school counseling program.
- ◆ Builds collaboration, which enhances a student's postsecondary success.
- ◆ Connects business, industry and labor to students and families.
- ◆ Provides the conduit for business to articulate industry needs.
- ◆ Supports the academic and professional-technical preparation necessary for students' success in the workforce.